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Dear Mr Spaven,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190621005

Thank you for your request dated 21 June 2019 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Dear Ministry of Justice, can you inform me of the number of prisoners at Sudbury and Ford prisons who have access to cars for transport to work outside the jail and the crime they were convicted of. Please inform where the vehicles are parked and if any checks are made to see if they are insured and roadworthy.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds all of the information that you have requested. However, some of it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA, because it contains personal data. . I can confirm that there are 67 people at HMP Ford and 76 people at HMP Sudbury on paid work that would be eligible for their own vehicle.

The release of the details of individuals' convictions cannot be released, as to do so would risk the identification of those individuals.

Personal data can only be released if to do so would not contravene any of the data protection principles set out in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

We believe releasing the requested information into the public domain would be unlawful. Individuals have a clear and strong expectation that their personal data will be held in confidence and not disclosed to the public under the FOIA.

This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

HMP Ford and HMP Sudbury have dedicated staff with the responsibility of managing the transport side and if someone applies to have use a vehicle, all relevant documentation is required such as the log book, MOT and insurance certificates, as well as their valid driving licence prior to the vehicle being approved and allowed on site. Applicants also are required to pass an enhanced security check. All vehicles are subject to random and intelligence led searches

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

Roger Davis
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